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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON RETURN OF AMERICAN-OWNED VEHICLES, AIRPLANES
AND BOATS

REF: GISE-DANIELS TELECON, FEB 23, 1977

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED
MEXICO CITY DAILY EXCELSIOR OF FEBRUARY 22 CARRIED AN ARTICLE
ENTITLED QTE AIRPLANES, BOATS AND AUTOS WORTH ONE BILLION
(PESOS) WILL BE RETURNED BY MEXICO TO TOURISTS UNQTE. THE
ARTICLE QUOTED THE FEDERAL AND STATE TOURISM DELEGATE FOR
THE STATE OF COAHUILA AS SAYING THAT, BASED ON A DECISION MADE
BY SECRETARY OF TOURISM GUILLERMO ROSSELL DE LA LAMA, THE
MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL RETURN TO AMERICAN TOURISTS 380
AIRPLANES, 700 BOATS AND SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 7,000 AUTOMOBILES
WHICH HAD BEEN CONFISCATED FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF MEXICAN
LAW. THE TOURISM DELEGATE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PROCURADURIA
GENERAL WOULD HAVE TO TERMINATE ACTION AGAINST MORE THAN
8,000 TOURISTS WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE DECISION. ACCORDING
TO TOURISM DELEGATE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD ALREADY
GIVEN ORDERS TO DESIST IN THESE CASES SO THAT THE
VEHICLES COULD BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR OWNERS.
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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
EMBASSY HAS ALREADY HAD ONE CALL ON THIS ARTICLE, FROM
LEE BLAIR OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION.
AOPA INDICATED THAT THE STORY HAD NOT YET BEEN CARRIED
IN THE WASHINGTON PAPERS BUT HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY ONE
IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS INFORMED BY LIC. EFREN RICARDEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF COORDINATION IN THE SECRETARIAT OF TOURISM, THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE WAS PREMATURE. SOME DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS CONFISCATION CASES, AND A MEETING ON THE SUBJECT BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE SECRETARY OF TOURISM IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.

4. IT CERTAINLY APPEARS THAT SOMETHING IS IN THE WIND. EMBASSY DEA CHIEF JACQUES KIERE, WHILE VISITING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ON FEBRUARY 22, WAS TOLD THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PLANNED TO SEND A LETTER TO CONSUL GENERAL MCANINCH ADVISING HIM OF THE RELEASE OF TWENTY AIRPLANES. THESE ARE PRESUMABLY TWENTY OF THE TWENTY-TWO AIRPLANES FOR WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS CLAIMS PENDING UNDER THE CONVENTION, THE WHEREABOUTS OF FIVE OF WHICH ARE NOT KNOWN. KIERE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS SENT AN OFFICIAL TO TRAVEL AROUND THE COUNTRY DETERMINING THE LOCATIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT AS SOON AS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LETTER OR OTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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